IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K.DENESAN

FRIDAY, THE 23RD FEBRUARY 2007 / 4TH PHALGUNA 1928

WP(C).No. 6160 of 2007(G)

PETITIONER:

B. SANKARA NARAYANA BHAT,
S/O. B.GOPALAKRISHNA BHAT, AGED 40 YEARS,
PERAKAYA KOCHI HOUSE, YETHADKA P.O., KASARAGODE.

BY ADV. SRI.BECHU KURIAN THOMAS

RESPONDENTS:

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD,
VAIDHYUTHI BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY.

BY SC SRI.K.S.ANIL

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 23/02/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.K.DENESAN, J

W.P.(C)NO.6160 of 2007

Dated this the 23rd day of February, 2007

JUDGMENT

According to the petitioner, he has been working on contract basis in Electrical Section, Badiadka under the respondent to take meter reading. He has been doing so from 20.9.1994 onwards. Though he has worked as such for the last more than 12 years, he is not given service benefits granted to regular employees for want of regularisation in service. Pointing out the order issued by the Government in the case of similarly situated persons vide G.O.(MS)No.40/06/Health Department dated 18.2.2006, the petitioner has filed Ext.P3 representation requesting to regularise his service as Meter Reader. Ext.P3 is pending with the respondent.

2. Heard the Legal Laision Officer for the respondent.

3. The request of the petitioner, as per Ext.P3, shall be considered by the respondent in the light of the Government

order referred to therein and the observations made by the apex Court in paragraph-3 of **State of Karnataka v Umadevi** (2006 (4) SCC (1). Appropriate decision shall be taken on Ext.P3 and communicated to the petitioner within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of the judgment. The petitioner shall produce a copy of the judgment before the respondent for information and compliance.

K.K.DENESAN, JUDGE

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